

pressly agreed on. contract or engagement, notwithstanding they may be relieved from the penalties against usury, unless it shall appear to the Court, that a different rate of interest was agreed to between the parties.

Commence-  
ment of Ordinance.

3. And be it enacted, That this Ordinance shall commence and take effect upon and from and after the promulgation thereof; and shall be and continue in force for and during the term of seven years next after the commencement thereof and no longer.

Passed in Council the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

THOMAS F. JOHNSTON,  
*Clerk of Council.*

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## No. 5.—1846.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Constitution of the Medical Board of this Colony, and to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery, and the Compounding and Selling of Drugs and Medicines therein.

(L. S.) HARRIS.

Preamble—  
recites Proclamation of 20th of December, 1814.

WHEREAS by a certain Proclamation, bearing date the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, it was amongst other things enacted, That a certain Board, called the Medical Board, should be established in the manner therein mentioned, and that for the preventing the indiscriminate introduction and admission of persons to practise medicine and surgery in the said Colony, and also to prevent the sale of medicines and drugs of bad quality, or the sale of any sort of medicines or drugs by any persons not duly authorized or qualified in that respect, all persons who should practise medicine or surgery in the said Colony without such license as is therein mentioned, or

who should vend any medicines or drugs without such license as is therein mentioned, should be liable to the penalties therein in that behalf respectively provided.

And whereas by a certain Order of Government, bearing date the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, it was amongst other things declared, that thereafter the fees to be charged by and paid to medical practitioners of physic and surgery in this Colony, should be those which were to be found in the Schedule thereto annexed. And whereas it is expedient that the said Proclamation, of the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and the said Order of Government of the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, should be respectively repealed, and that other provisions should be made for regulating the admission of persons to practise medicine and surgery, and for preventing the sale of medicines and drugs by persons not duly authorized and qualified for that purpose: Now therefore be it enacted, by his Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government thereof, That the said Proclamation of the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and the said Order of Government, of the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

And Order of  
Government  
of 11th April,  
1821.

Repeals Pro-  
clamation of  
20th Decem-  
ber, 1814, and  
Order of  
Government  
of 11th April,  
1821.

2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the commencement of this Ordinance, all persons who at any time heretofore have obtained a license of the Governor to practise physic and surgery in the Colony, and all persons who shall be admitted to practise physic and surgery as hereinafter mentioned, shall form and constitute a Board, to be called "The Medical Board of the Island of Trinidad," and such Board by such name shall have perpetual succession, and shall and may have and use a common seal, and the said seal may from time to time break, change, alter, or make anew, as to the said Board may seem fit.

Constitution  
and Incorpor-  
ation of the  
Medical  
Board.

3. And be it further enacted, That for the well ordering of the said Medical Board and its affairs, there shall be elected and appointed the following officers of the said

Officers of the  
Board.

Board, that is to say, a president, a vice-president, and a secretary and treasurer, who shall be chosen from and amongst the members of the said Board in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Provides for the election of the officers, and regulates the manner of electing.

4. And be it further enacted, That a general meeting of the members of the said Board, for the election of officers, shall be held annually on the second Tuesday in the month of January, at the hall of the said Board, or at such other time and place of meeting in the town of Port of Spain, as shall be appointed for that purpose by the Governor, for the first election of such officers, and by the president, or in his absence by the vice-president of the Board, for all subsequent elections, of which notice shall be given in the *Royal Gazette*, and one other public newspaper of the Colony, at least twenty-one days before the day of meeting, and at such meeting the election for such officers shall be taken respectively in the following order, that is to say—first, the president; secondly, the vice-president; thirdly, the secretary and treasurer; and such election shall be made by each of the members present thereat delivering to the secretary and treasurer of the Board for the time being, or if there shall not be any such secretary and treasurer, or he shall not be present at the meeting, then to such other member as may be appointed by the majority of the meeting for that purpose, a paper with the name of the person for whom such member is desirous to vote written thereon, which paper shall be signed by the member so voting, and the person who shall obtain the most votes shall be declared duly elected.

Property and effects of former Board transferred to new Board.

5. And be it further enacted, That from and after the commencement of this Ordinance, all monies, effects, books, papers, or other articles whatsoever, belonging to the former Medical Board, shall be transferred to and become the property of the Medical Board constituted by this Ordinance, and shall be delivered over to the secretary and treasurer of the Medical Board by any person in whose possession the same may be.

Limits the duration of the officers of the Board, and the

6. And be it further enacted, That the officers so elected shall hold their offices from the time of their election until the next annual election shall have taken place, except in case of the death, absence, resignation, or

incapability to act of any such officer, and in any such case it shall and may be lawful for the said Board at a meeting to be especially convened for that purpose of which notice shall be given in the *Royal Gazette*, and one other public newspaper of the Colony, at least ten days before the day of meeting to elect any other member of the said Board, in the place of the officer so dying or resigning or being absent or incapable to act, and the person so elected shall continue to hold such office for the same time as the officer in whose place he may be so elected would have done if no such vacancy had occurred.

filling up of  
vacancies.

7. And be it further enacted, That no member of the said Board shall be incapable of being elected as any such officer by reason of his holding or having held the same or any other office, but all or any of such officers may be re-elected at the general annual election.

Officers may  
be re-elected  
to same or any  
other office.

8. And be it further enacted, That immediately after every such annual election the president or vice-president of the said Medical Board; shall notify to the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Governor the names of the officers elected at such annual election, and shall also cause the names and offices of such officers to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and one other public newspaper of the Colony, and in like manner when any officer shall be elected to fill up any such vacancy as aforesaid, the name of the officer shall be notified by the president or vice-president to the Colonial Secretary, and shall also be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and one other public newspaper of the Colony as aforesaid.

Elections to be  
reported to the  
Governor, and  
advertised in  
the *Royal  
Gazette*.

9. And be it further enacted, That no person shall be capable of acting as president or vice-president, or as secretary and treasurer (except for the purpose of receiving the declaration hereinafter required), under and by virtue of this Ordinance, until he shall have subscribed a declaration to the following effect—" I, A.B., do solemnly declare and promise that I will, according to the best of my skill, knowledge and ability, execute the trust reposed in me as president or vice-president, or secretary and treasurer (as the case may be) of the Medical Board of the Island of Trinidad, and that in the examination of every person who shall come before me to be examined, I will act without fear, favour or affection ;" which

Oath of office  
to be taken by  
officers.

declaration the vice-president is hereby authorized and required to administer to the president in the presence of two or more members of the said Board, and the president is afterwards authorized and required to administer to the vice-president, and secretary and treasurer.

Three to be a quorum of the Board, the president or vice-president to be one.

10. And be it further enacted, That any three members of the said Medical Board, of whom the president or vice-president shall always be one, shall be a quorum to constitute a Medical Board for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and that such Board shall meet from time to time under the authority and by the direction of the president, or in his absence, or in case of a vacancy in the office of president, then of the vice-president.

Secretary to keep minutes.

11. And be it further enacted, That the secretary and treasurer of the said Board for the time being shall take correct minutes of the proceedings at all meetings of the Board, which minutes shall be entered in a book, to be called the Minute Book of the Medical Board, and the secretary and treasurer shall also keep a book of registry for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

Regulates the admission of medical practitioners and the grant of certificates.

12. And be it further enacted, That every person having any diploma or license from any university, college, or incorporated society in Great Britain or Ireland, having authority to grant the same, conferring on such person a legal title to practise the art of medicine or of surgery, or who shall have served as a surgeon, or assistant surgeon in Her Majesty's army or navy, or in the service of the East India Company, and who shall not have been dismissed from the same, may upon the production of his diploma, license or commission, or giving other reasonable evidence to the satisfaction of the said Medical Board of his having obtained such diploma, license or commission, and of his being authorized to practise by virtue of the same, apply to the president, or, in his absence, to the vice-president of the said Medical Board, to be admitted as a member thereof, and such president or vice-president shall thereupon convene a meeting of the Medical Board, at which meeting the diploma, license, or commission, or other reasonable evidence as aforesaid produced by the applicant shall be examined, and if such meeting shall so require such diploma, license or commission, shall be

verified on the oath of the party producing the same before some Justice of the Peace, which oath such Justice of the Peace is authorized to administer, and if such diploma, license or commission, or other reasonable evidence as aforesaid shall appear to such Medical Board to be proper and sufficient, they thereupon may order and direct such diploma, license or commission, or other reasonable evidence as aforesaid, to be enregistered in the registry of the said Medical Board, which shall be done by causing a copy of such diploma, license or commission, or other reasonable evidence as aforesaid to be entered by the secretary and treasurer on the registry of the said Board, for which service the applicant shall pay to the secretary and treasurer a fee of five pounds to be applied to the uses of the Board, and shall deposit with the secretary and treasurer the amount of the necessary expense of the advertisement hereinafter mentioned, and thereupon such applicant shall be admitted and shall become and be a member of the said Board, and entitled to all the privileges of such members; and the secretary and treasurer of the said Board shall cause a certificate of such admission under the seal of the said Board, signed by the president, and counter-signed by the secretary and treasurer, to be granted to such person; and the said secretary and treasurer shall cause to be inserted in the *Royal Gazette*, and at least one other of the public newspaper of the Colony, an advertisement containing a notice that such applicant has been admitted a member of the Medical Board of Trinidad.

13. And be it further enacted, That every person who shall become a member of the said Board by reason of his having obtained a license from the Governor to practise physic and surgery in this Colony, previously to the commencement of this Ordinance, shall upon production of such license, or giving other reasonable evidence to the satisfaction of the said Medical Board of his having obtained such license, and of his being authorized to practise by virtue of the same, be entitled to have from the president and secretary and treasurer of the said Board, and such president and secretary and treasurer are hereby required to grant to such person without any fee or reward a certificate under the seal of the said Board, and signed by the said president, and countersigned by the

Practitioners heretofore admitted to be entitled to certificates without fee, except on renewal of certificate.

said secretary and treasurer, that such person is a member of the said Board; but that when any member of the said Board, to whom such certificate shall have been once granted, shall be desirous by reason of the loss or destruction thereof to obtain another such certificate, the president and secretary and treasurer of the said Board shall grant such other certificate upon payment of a fee of one pound sterling to be applied to the uses of the said Board.

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*Section 14 is repealed by Ord. 19 of 1863.*

Yearly list of members of Medical Board, of druggists, and of midwives, to be transmitted to the Governor.

15. And be it further enacted, That the secretary and treasurer of the said Board shall on or before the second Tuesday in the month of January in each and every year make out from the registry of the Board, and transmit to the Colonial Secretary a true and correct list of all persons who are members of the said Board, and also of all licensed druggists, and also of all licensed midwives in the town of Port of Spain, or in any of the rural districts of this Colony, and the usual place of abode of the several persons mentioned therein, who, according to the best of his knowledge and belief are residing in the said Colony, or temporarily absent therefrom, distinguishing the several classes, which list shall be signed by the president, or in his absence by the vice-president of the said Board, and counter-signed by the secretary and treasurer, and shall be published by the Colonial Secretary in the *Royal Gazette*, and by the Medical Board, in one other newspaper of the Colony.

No person to recover fees for professional services without production of certificate.

16. And be it further enacted, That no person shall be allowed to recover in any Court of Law in this Colony any fees or charges for medical or surgical services, unless at the trial he shall produce a certificate under the seal of the said Board, that he has been admitted a member of the said Medical Board.

Medical Board to make rules and bye-laws.

17. And be it further enacted, That at such annual general meeting as is hereinbefore mentioned, or at any other general meeting to be convened by the said president, or in his absence by the vice-president, of which notice shall have been given in the *Royal Gazette*, and one other public newspaper of the Colony, at least

twenty-one days before the day of meeting, the Medical Board may make rules and bye-laws for the government of themselves and their affairs, and for applying and using the funds of the said Board for the purposes of such Board in such manner as they shall see fit; Provided always, that such rules and bye-laws shall not be in any manner contrary to this Ordinance.

18. And be it further enacted, That any person who may be desirous of practising as a midwife in the town of Port of Spain or the suburbs thereof, shall appear before the Medical Board and be examined as to her competency, and it shall be the duty of the said Board to grant to any such person found to be competent a license under the seal of the said Board, signed by the president, and counter-signed by the secretary and treasurer, to act as a midwife within the town of Port of Spain and the suburbs thereof, and the said Board shall on view of the certificates of any two members of the said Board of the fitness and ability of any person presenting the same, grant to such person a license to act as midwife in any of the rural districts of this Colony, and every person on obtaining such license to act as a midwife in the town of Port of Spain or the suburbs thereof, or in any of the rural districts of this Colony, shall pay to the secretary and treasurer of the said Board a fee of two pounds to be applied to the uses of the said Board, and every such license shall be duly enregistered in the registry book of the said Board, and any person who shall practise as a midwife in the town of Port of Spain or the suburbs thereof, or in any of the rural districts of this Colony without having obtained such license authorizing such person to practise therein respectively as such midwife as is hereinbefore mentioned, shall be liable for each offence to a penalty of ten pounds sterling.

Regulates the licensing of midwives.

19. And whereas great damage and loss of life have occurred from ignorant persons preparing, selling, and compounding medicinal prescriptions and medicines, and from the selling of bad, useless, and adulterated drugs and medicines: Be it therefore further enacted, That if any person shall hereafter vend, issue, or otherwise dispose of for valuable consideration by retail any medicines or drugs, or shall keep a shop for the sale of such medi-

No person not being a licensed druggist to vend or dispense medicines under penalty.

cines and drugs without having first obtained a license in writing under the seal of the said Board, and signed by the president, and counter-signed by the secretary and treasurer of the said Board, such person shall forfeit and pay a penalty of ten pounds sterling for the first offence, and twenty pounds sterling for the second and every subsequent offence: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be taken to extend or apply to the sale by any person in this Colony of any medicines or medical preparations which shall be imported into this Colony already prepared and made up into close parcels, and correctly labelled on the outside of every such parcel.

20. And be it further enacted, That every such license as aforesaid shall be in the following form:—

FORM.

Form of  
license to  
druggist.

These are to certify that A. B. is duly qualified, and is hereby licensed to prepare, sell, compound, and dispense all drugs, medicines, and medical compounds and prescriptions, and to enjoy all the rights and privileges of a licensed druggist; he conforming in all respects to the rules and regulations for the government of licensed druggists.

By the Medical Board,

(L. S.)

E. F.,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

C. D.,

*President.*

Druggists  
already  
licensed to be  
entitled to new  
licenses with-  
out fee.

21. And be it further enacted, That every person now duly licensed to compound and sell drugs and medicines shall, on production of such license to the Medical Board, or giving other reasonable evidence to the satisfaction of the said Medical Board of his having obtained such license, and of his being authorized to practise by virtue of the same, be entitled to have a new license from the Board without any fee whatsoever, and every such person shall, within ten days after obtaining such license, cause the same to be enregistered in the registry book of the said Board, and to be advertised in the *Royal Gazette* and one other public newspaper of the Colony, under a penalty of five pounds sterling in case of default.

Regulates the  
granting of  
licenses to  
Druggists.

22. And be it further enacted, That every person not already licensed who may hereafter be desirous to obtain a license to sell and compound medicines and

drugs, or to keep a shop for the sale of drugs and medicines in the town of Port of Spain or the suburbs thereof, or in any of the rural districts of this Colony, may apply to the president of the Medical Board for that purpose, and thereupon such president, or in his absence the vice-president, shall cause a meeting to be convened for the purpose of examining any titles or certificates or other documents which may be produced by the applicant, and such meeting shall call such applicant before them, and examine him as to his knowledge of drugs and medicines, and his ability to prepare and make up prescriptions and medicines, and to sell drugs and other medicines, and shall make their report thereon; and the Medical Board, if they shall be satisfied from such report that such applicant is duly qualified to compound prescriptions and medicines, and to sell drugs and medicines, shall, on payment to the secretary and treasurer of such Board of a fee of four pounds sterling to be applied to the uses of such Board, forthwith grant to such applicant a license in the form hereinbefore set forth, and such certificate shall within ten days after granting the same be duly enregistered in the registry book of the said Board, and published in the *Royal Gazette* and one other public newspaper of the Colony.

23. And be it further enacted, That any physician or surgeon now practising, or who shall hereafter be admitted to practise as such in the said Island, shall be entitled as of right to require and have from the Medical Board a license authorizing him to compound and sell drugs and medicines, for which license he shall pay to the secretary and treasurer for the use of the Board four pounds sterling, and every such license shall be enregistered and published in the same manner as is hereinbefore directed in respect of licensed druggists.

24. And be it further enacted, That every physician or surgeon who shall obtain any such license shall be bound to conform in all respects to the regulations hereby enacted for the government of licensed druggists, and shall be liable to all the same pains, penalties, fines, and forfeitures as are hereby imposed on licensed druggists, and for all purposes whatsoever, shall be deemed and taken to be a licensed druggist, so long as he shall continue to hold such license as aforesaid.

Every physician or surgeon to be entitled to a license as druggist.

Physicians and surgeons holding licenses as druggists to be subject to all regulations and penalties.

Physicians or surgeons holding licenses not to act as examiners or visitors.

25. And be it further enacted, That no physician or surgeon, who shall hold any such license as aforesaid shall, while he shall hold such license, be competent to act as an examiner of any person applying to be admitted to practise as a druggist, or as an assistant to a druggist, or as a midwife, or to be present at any such examination, or authorised to visit the shop, house, or store of any druggist, for the purpose of surveying or proving any drugs or medicines, or be eligible to be elected as president or vice-president, or secretary and treasurer of the Medical Board.

Medical Board to appoint visitors.

26. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Medical Board to appoint annually for any district of the Colony, or for any town situated within any such district, two or more members of the Board residing in or near such town or district, and also to appoint annually for the town of Port of Spain and the suburbs thereof, three or more members of the Board, residing in the town of Port of Spain, or the suburbs thereof, of whom the president or vice-president of the Board shall be one, who shall be called visitors.

Duties and powers of the visitors.

27. And be it enacted, That any two of such visitors within the district or town for which they shall be respectively appointed, shall and may from time to time, and at all reasonable and convenient times in the day time, as often as to them it shall seem expedient, enter any shop, store, or house of any person or persons whatsoever, using or exercising the art of a licensed druggist within such district or town, and shall and may search, survey, prove and determine whether the medicines, simple or compound, wares, drugs, or anything whatever therein contained and belonging to the art of druggists aforesaid, be wholesome, meet, and fit for the cure, health, and ease of her Majesty's subjects; and all and every such medicines, wares, drugs, and all other things belonging to the aforesaid art, which they shall find false, stale, unwholesome, corrupt, pernicious or hurtful, shall and may burn or otherwise destroy, and also shall report in writing to the Medical Board the name or names of such person or persons as shall be found to have the same in their possession; and every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay the following fines and penalties, that is to say, for the first offence the sum

of ten pounds sterling; for the second offence the sum of twenty pounds sterling; and for the third and every subsequent offence thirty pounds sterling; and such Medical Board shall preserve all such reports, and, when required by the Governor in Council, shall cause the same to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Council of Government, who shall lay the same on the council table; and the said Medical Board may, whenever they shall deem it expedient so to do, cause the name or names of any such person or persons, and the nature of his or their offence to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and at least one other public newspaper of the Colony.

28. And be it further enacted, That from and after the commencement of this Ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any person to act as an assistant to any druggist in this Colony, in compounding and dispensing or selling medicines, without undergoing an examination by the said Medical Board, and obtaining a certificate of his qualification to act as such assistant from the said Medical Board, and which said certificate the said Medical Board shall grant to any person applying for the same, who, upon examination before them, shall appear to be duly qualified, upon payment of the sum of two pounds sterling.

No person to assist in dispensing or vending medicines without certificate of competency.

29. And be it further enacted, That if any shop for the sale or dispensing of medicines shall, in the absence therefrom of the licensed druggist keeping such shop, be left open without some duly certificated assistant being left in charge of such shop, and actually attending therein, such druggist shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds sterling.

Penalty for having druggist's shop open without a certificated assistant being therein.

30. And be it further enacted, That any person who shall sell or dispense any drug or compound, of a poisonous nature, without having the word "poison," and the name of such poisonous drug or compound printed or written on each package or phial, or on a label attached to the phial or package in which such poisonous drug or compound shall be contained, shall forfeit and pay the following penalties, that is to say: for the first offence the sum of ten pounds sterling, for the second offence twenty pounds sterling, and for the third and any subsequent offence the sum of fifty pounds sterling.

Poisonous drugs to have the word "poison" marked thereon.

No person to recover for medicines unless on proof of being a licensed druggist.

31. And be it further enacted, That no person shall be allowed to recover in any Court of Law in this Colony any charges claimed by him for any drugs or medicines sold by retail at any time after the commencement of this Ordinance, unless such persons shall prove at the trial, that at the time of the sale and delivery of such drugs and medicines the person selling the same was duly licensed as a druggist under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Members of Medical Board may dispense medicines prescribed by themselves and recover for same.

32. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to prevent any member of the said Medical Board from preparing, compounding, and dispensing any drugs, medicines, and medical compounds which shall have been ordered or prescribed by himself, for any person or persons who shall be then under his care and treatment, or from receiving, demanding, suing for, and recovering his fair and reasonable charges for such drugs, medicines, and medical compounds.

Penalties above £20 to be recovered in the Supreme Civil Court.

33. And be it enacted, That every penalty imposed by this Ordinance, which shall exceed the sum of twenty pounds sterling, shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full costs of suit, by any person who will inform and sue for the same in an action of debt in the Supreme Civil Court; and every issue of fact which shall be joined in any such action shall be tried and determined by a jury.

Appropriation of penalties.

34. And be it enacted, That every penalty recovered under this Ordinance after deducting therefrom the costs of suing for and recovering the same, shall be applied as follows, that is to say, one moiety thereof shall be paid to the person who shall have sued for and recovered the same, and the other moiety to the Colonial Treasurer for the uses of the Colony.

Penalties not exceeding £20 how to be enforced and recovered.

35. And be it further enacted, That every penalty imposed by this Ordinance, not exceeding the sum of twenty pounds sterling, shall and may be sued for by any person who will inform and sue for the same before any two Justices of the Peace of the town, place or district in which the offence was committed, and on conviction of any such offence before any such Justices, either by confession of the party offending or upon the

oath of any credible witness or witnesses, which oaths such Justices are hereby authorized to administer, if the amount of the penalty or penalties thereby imposed, and all costs are not paid forthwith or within such time as shall be fixed or allowed by such Justices for the payment thereof, it shall be lawful for such Justices or either of them, to issue their or his warrant, addressed to any serjeant, constable, or officer, or officers of police, authorizing and directing him or them, or any or either of them, to distrain on the goods and chattels of the person so convicted, and to sell the same, or a sufficient part thereof to cover the amount of such penalty or penalties, and all costs, and to retain the amount of such penalty and penalties and costs, and to hand over the surplus to the person so convicted, and in default of such goods and chattels to take the person of the said offender, and bring him before such Justice or Justices, who shall and may thereupon commit him to the Royal Gaol, there to be kept for the space of one calendar month, or until such penalty or penalties, and all costs be fully paid, which warrant and commitment any such serjeant, constable or other officer of police, and the keeper of the Royal Gaol are and is respectively hereby authorized and required to execute and carry into effect respectively according to the exigency and tenor thereof.

36. And be it enacted, That whenever any person shall be convicted of any offence against this Ordinance it shall be the duty of the Justices before whom such offender shall be convicted, to transmit without delay to the secretary of the Medical Board, a copy, certified under their hands, of every such conviction; and the secretary of the said Board shall, if the said Medical Board shall deem it expedient and so direct, cause a notice of such conviction to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and at least one other public newspaper in this Colony.

Copy of conviction to be forwarded to the Medical Board, and notice thereof published.

37. And be it further enacted, That no action shall be brought against the said Medical Board, or any person, for anything done in pursuance of this Ordinance, after six calendar months next after the fact committed, and without notice in writing first given to the defendant at least one calendar month before the commencement of the action, and in any such action the defendant may

Actions to be brought within six months and after one month's notice, and defendant may give special matter in evidence

under  
general issue.

plead the general issue, and give this Ordinance, and the special matter in evidence at the trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this Ordinance, and if it shall appear to have been so done, or if tender of sufficient amends shall have been made before such action brought, or if a sufficient sum of money shall have been paid into Court after such action brought by or on behalf of the defendant, then and in every such case the jury shall find for the defendant, and upon such verdict, or if the plaintiff shall be nonsuit or discontinue, or if a verdict shall pass against the plaintiff, or if upon demurrer or otherwise judgment shall be given against the plaintiff the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have the like remedy for the recovery thereof as any defendant hath in other cases.

Provides as  
to tendering  
amends and  
costs.

Commence-  
ment of Ordi-  
nance.

38. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and immediately after the promulgation thereof.

Passed in Council this first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

THOMAS F. JOHNSTON,

*Clerk of Council.*

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain this thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

A. CLOGSTOUN, *Marshal.*

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## No. 6.—1846.

AN ORDINANCE for regulating the relative Rights and Duties of Masters and Servants.

(L. S.) HARRIS.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the hirings of servants in husbandry, of sailors and boatmen employed on board vessels and boats belonging to the Colony, of